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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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LASER IRRADIATION SYSTEM)	

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 11, 2011, the following remarks are submitted. The Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different species. As identified in the Official Action, the two species are as follows.

Species 1 illustrated in Fig. 2.

Species 2 depicted in Fig. 3.

Based on the observation that the two species are patentably distinct from one another, an election of species requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two species.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species 2 depicted in Fig. 3. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10 and 13-18 are readable on the elected species.

The election of Species 2 depicted in Fig. 3 is made with traverse because it is believed that all of the claims of this application can be examined at the same time without serious burden. In one respect, the search required for the non-elected species would be substantially coextensive with the search associated with the elected species. In addition, examining all of the claims of this application at the same time would only involve consideration of a few additional claims.